

Soldier Hollow Lodge Dedicated

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Last Friday, more than 300 people took part in the Soldier Hollow Day Lodge dedication. During the ceremony, guests dined on smokehouse barbecue sandwiches and refreshments provided by the Friends of Wasatch Mountain State Park. The sounds of alpine horns and chamber music filled the rustic lodge, echoing off the rock of the 32-foot fireplace.

"The lodge was packed; you could hardly move. There were more than a few memorable speeches, and afterwards, a whole slew of people went outside," said Lisa Larson, Wasatch County Olympic Coordinator Administrative Assistant. "I'm a new kid in Utah and what I've found is that so many people were involved in making this happen. To look around at the wall-to-wall people, the construction crews, legislators, SLOC, Friends of Wasatch and the public, with their

faces shining with such pride was wonderful."

Utah State Parks and Recreation Director Courtland Nelson was the

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years to come...remember the motto, "Faster, Higher, Stronger," and that the race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but to those who endure to the end."

The Friends of the Wasatch Mountain State Park and Legacy Foundation sponsored a community day Jan. 6, with discounted trail passes. Locals escaped the cold weather and celebrated inside the lodge with free food, drinks and live music.

The lodge is composed of aged trestlewood, with visible minerals from its nearly 100 years in the Great Salt Lake. The large main room overlooks the venue's trails, and slate flooring accents the walls painted in rust, sage and yellow earth tones. A photographic, historical display is planned to adorn the walls.

Rental facilities for cross-country ski equipment and snowshoes will be on-site. Both the 5,300-square-foot first floor and the 5,500-square-foot lower level will have multiple restroom facilities. Snacks and beverages will be available for weary skiers.

The lodge's youth group program offers equipment, a lesson and trail use for \$2 per child. The facility may be reserved for evening festivities for \$500. Non-profit groups may use the lodge at no charge, except for cleanup fees.



Soldier Hollow's Lodge, which opened in December, dedication attracted hundreds of celebrants.

master of ceremonies and introduced a flag ceremony by the Daniels Canyon Troop 1062. John Pearson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Numerous speeches were made. Wasatch Olympic Coordinator Bob Mathis read a dedication prayer.

"We are grateful for all who trav-

eled, hunted, camped, grazed, farmed and loved this spot of earth and kept it clean and lovely from the beginning of time...We are grateful for the minds, backs and arms of those who crafted this structure," Bob Mathis read. "Teach us to enjoy and use this edifice so it will achieve a fullness of the hopes and ideals of those who worked to establish it...May that work not end here in 2002, but continue through all the

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Bear of a Mistake

I'll bet a lot of people in the Heber Valley could suggest a New Year's resolution or two for your paper. You've raised a lot of consciousness this last year, for better or worse! Here's an idea you might actually use: a dictionary.

I refer to the headline on the front page of today's issue: "Despite Grizzly Details, Pinder's Motive Remains Unclear." Is that "grizzly" as in the bear, or "grisly" as in "gruesome?" I think we know what is meant, but please! How do you think some people learn to spell, or learn the English language, for that matter? From the very visible example of sources like newspapers.

If your goal is to report things as they really are, please don't stop at the news. You are educating your readers in more ways than one. You could take their awareness one step further, whether they know it — or like it — or not!

Thanks for keeping things interesting around here.

Christie Evans
Heber

Thanks

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Day's Market, Smith's Food King, and Chrysalis Hair Designs for letting us put donation boxes for used books in their stores, the Wasatch Co. Library and all the families who donated over 300 books for our advisory classrooms. We would like to thank Knight Hunt at Bear Creek Country Kitchens for donating soup for the luncheons that we prepare for our teachers and staff during our SEOP conferences. Thanks to Layne Clyde and Larry Rasband at the Cabinet Co. by L & L for donating a display case for our students. Thanks to Tom and Linda Whitaker for donating a Timberwolf theme picture displayed in our entryway, and for letting us help with the Cowboy Poetry auction, and for donating Timber Wolf t-shirts to many, many of our students. Last but not least, thank you to ALL of the many WONDERFUL parents who have given their time, sent baked goods or treats, or have helped in any way. It is really people like you who care enough to help our students excell. We cannot thank you all enough, just know that your help is GREATLY appreciated!

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